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27. AUTOBIOGRAPHY

1. There, it is said, I was born; it is (where) I am living (now); my father says (this); and there, also, my older brother, it is said, all (of us siblings) were born. 2. Then, it is said, I grew up already; it is said I wandered about already. 3. Then, it is said, my mother quit nursing me. 4. Then, it is said, I am crying. 5. Then, it is said, my mother is sick. 6. Then, it is said, I am crying very much when I am hungry. 7. Then, it is said, I took from there to here a little blanket. "Here, sit down, mother," I say, it is said; "No," she says. 8. Then, it is said, I eat food. 539X 159

9. From there I grew up already. 10. Then I am learning already. 11. Then my father made my bow. 12. Then I am hunting. 13. Then I am killing wood-rats; (I) used to eat those birds, everything. 14. I used to bring to my own father (whatever I shot). 15. Then, "Good," says my father. 16. (I) used to kill everything, rabbits, cottontails, and also quail, and also pigeon. 17. Then I bring that to my own father. 18. And also I used to cause fish to swallow (bait). 19. I used to catch many catfish, a half-sack of catfish (each trip). 20. Then my mother boils those (fish); we used to eat them all the time. [252]

21. Then father used to teach us. 22. "Wander about well(-behaved); steal nothing and also do not be nasty to the old men when you see (them); if you believe (my words), then you will get old." 23. "Good," we say, "then we are wandering about well(-behaved) all the time." 24. "Surely I got old already because I believe the talk of my own father." 25. Then he used to tell us myths in the evening when it was winter, (about) Coyote, (about) everything. 26. "Then go ye and bathe in the morning, when the Morning Star comes out; twice ye will dive in." 27. Then he says, "Good." 28. "Nothing will prick you; but if you will not bathe, then wood will prick you." 29. Surely, we used to bathe in the dark (before dawn); the water is very cold; we break the ice when we bathe; then (it is) good. 30. We do everything good all the time. 539X 866 867 159

31. Then from there one Mexican came and arrived. 32. Then he says, "Would that your offspring would go watch over my pets (goats)." 33. "Good," says my father. 34. Then he took us; there we went and arrived at his house; and his pets (are) many. 35. Then we look after (them) every day and also we gather firewood in the evening when we arrive (at camp). 36. Then we used to run away when we were tired out; we come back toward our own house. 37. Then when we arrived, father used to scold us. 38. "Why did you come back?" he says. "(Because) we were tired." 40. Then he goes and puts us back again. 41. Presently we are coming back in the same way. 42. Then we do not go for a long time. 43. Then after a while the Mexican came and arrived. 44. "I already sold those, my own pets," he says; "and I left some," he says, "my present to your offspring," he says, "and ye come get (them)," he says. 45. "Good," says my father. 46. Then we went from there to go get (them). 47. Then we took (them) from there to here. 48. We brought (them) there (where) I used to look after (them). 49. Then from there we sold them. 539X 857 159 [860] [425 159]

50. Then from there I went to school. 51. Then I did not know the language of that teacher. 52. Then (there is) one Mexican; when I do not understand the language, then the Mexican tells me. 53. Then from there we went; then from school we went in the evening toward Weldon. 54. Then one man went and caught up to us there. 55. He is coming on horseback. 56. Then he talked to us, "Cold," he says. 57. Then we all say, "Cold!" too. 58. We do not understand what that means. 59. Then the man looks at us. 60. From there we came back in the evening toward our own house. 61. Then from there we are coming to school. 62. I went to school one year. 63. Then that teacher whipped me because I do not hear (i.e., understand) what she means. 64. She whipped me. 65. Then I got mad. 66. Then I tore my own book. 67. From there I went toward my own house. 68. Then from there I worked; I never went to school again. 539X 872● 159 177